

REGULAR MEETING
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Utah State University, AGSC Building
Logan, Utah
January 9, 2015

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Utah State University Board of Trustees held in the AGSC Conference Room 412 commencing at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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| Ronald W. Jibson | Chair |
| Scott R. Watterson | Vice Chair |
| Jody K. Burnett | |
| Douglas K. Fiefia | |
| Linda Clark Gillmor | |
| Mark K. Holland | |
| Susan D. Johnson | |
| J. Scott Nixon | |
| Stephen F. Noel | |
| Frank Peczuh, Jr. | |
| Suzanne Pierce-Moore | |

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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| Stan L. Albrecht | President |
| Neil Abercrombie | Director of Government Relations |
| Janet B. Anderson | Vice Provost |
| Jodi Bailey | Chief Audit Executive |
| Robert Behunin | Vice President for Advancement and Commercialization |
| Tyler J. Bowles | Department Head, Economics and Finance |
| Carolyn Brittain | Staff Assistant |
| David T. Cowley | Vice President for Business and Finance |
| Amanda DeRito | Social Media & Marketing Coordinator, Public Relations and Marketing |
| Dennis G. Dolny | Department Head, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation |
| Brian Evans | Senior Associate Athletics Director |
| Todd Hugie | President-elect, Professional Employees Association |
| Douglas Jackson-Smith | President, Faculty Senate |
| Brian Joy | Vice President, Classified Employees Association |
| Mac McKee | Director of the Utah Water Research Laboratory |
| Mark McLellan | Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies |
| James Morales | Vice President for Student Services |
| Richard Mueller | Associate Dean, College of Science |
| Sydney M. Peterson | Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees |
| Robert E. Spall | Department Head, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering |
| Tim Vitale | Director of Public Relations and Marketing |
| Ryan Whitby | Assistant Professor, Economics and Finance |

Kenneth L. White Vice President and Dean, College of Agriculture and Applied Science
David Woolstenhulme Vice Provost

OTHERS PRESENT

Kevin Opsahl *The Herald Journal*

Chair Jibson conducted the meeting; welcomed the Trustees, members of the Administration as well as faculty and staff representatives.

Chair Jibson reminded the Trustees that they are invited to attend the 1:00 p.m. dedication of the Ardeshir Zahedi Atrium on the fourth floor of the AGRS building as well as the 1:30 p.m. press conference in the Campbell Scientific Lecture Hall AGRS 101.

I. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Alumni Association Report

Trustee Noel gave the Alumni Association report noting the upcoming Alumni Association Hall of Honor event honoring David and Trisha Butterfield, Spence and Melanie Raymond, Mike and Juanita Kohler and Chris and Kiersten Wilson on February 21, 2015. The Association is looking forward to Founders Day on March 6, 2015. Over 300 attended the pregame party at the New Mexico game. The Association is still pursuing and developing Professional Alumni Associations and feel these will be beneficial to the University and alumni.

B. USU/SA Report

Trustee Fiefia presented the USU/SA report mentioning the successes of the November events "Stuff-a-bus" and "It's on Us Campaign" to address the issues of sexual assault on campus. The new on-line textbook exchange has over 2,000 students registered with over 1,500 active listings.

C. Report on Regional Campus Committee Meeting held on January 9, 2015

Trustee Peczuh noted that the Committee received the upcoming regional campus annual report and discussed working with Applied Technology Centers (ATCs) with regard to stackable credits.

D. Report on Audit Committee Meeting held on December 22, 2014

Trustee Nixon indicated Jodi Bailey and her team have been busy with several projects. The Committee reviewed 12 to 13 reports in detail. USU has made great progress on time and effort policies including extra service compensation. Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Mark McLellan and his office are working toward fully auditable and trackable forms. These will be presented to the Board at a later date.

Chair Jibson, asked the Board to review and respond to the proposed schedule for future meetings through the first part of 2016 (Appendix A).

E. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 6, 2015, on campus in Logan.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Albrecht expressed his appreciation to the Trustees and his administrative team for the roles that each of them play. The Board is always there when we need them and they take their jobs seriously.

A. Information Items

1. Resolution of Commendation

Trustee Fiebia introduced Brandon Woodward and read his letter of commendation (Appendix B). Brandon, a senior majoring in Marketing, has an impressive leadership record. His favorite quote is "Choose to be happy."

2. Enrollment Update

Vice President Morales reported that for spring semester both continuing and new student numbers are up. They are being more aggressive in reaching out to students who might be leaving school. Overall numbers are slightly down due to lower numbers at USU Eastern and the School of Graduate Studies. On-line numbers have improved with the move toward a tuition rate with no additional costs to enroll in on-line classes.

3. Legislative Update

Neil Abercrombie, Director of Government Relations, said the political landscape is good for USU with legislators who know USU and understand our issues. The top priorities for the session will be the graduate initiative, performance funding, and two new buildings (a new science building and a new clinical services building). The graduate initiative requests funding to help narrow the gap between the percentages of Ph.D. students to the percentage of research dollars generated. Performance funding will be the number one issue with higher education. The science building is critical to the state with its emphasis on STEM education and is needed for growth on campus to alleviate the bottleneck resulting from 80 different majors requiring science courses in their curriculum. The clinical services building will house 16 different clinical service programs under one roof. It will be housed on the Logan campus but will provide services statewide. Upcoming events include the Board of Regents' Legislative kick-off on January 15, as well as our Legislative Preview event on January 13. USU has 15 legislative interns with three assigned to leadership.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustees were given the following consent agenda material for their consideration:

Minutes from the Executive Meeting held on October 24, 2014

Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on October 24, 2014

Resolution 15-1-1 – Certificate of Treasurer – August 2014 (Appendix C)

Resolution 15-1-2 – Certificate of Treasurer – September 2014 (Appendix D)

Resolution 15-1-3 – Contract/Grant Awards Proposals – September 2014 (Appendix E)

Resolution 15-1-4 – Contract/Grant Awards Proposals – October 2014 (Appendix F)

Resolution 15-1-5 – Contract/Grant Awards Proposals – November 2014 (Appendix G)

Resolution 15-1-6 – Delegation Administrative Reports – 08-25-14 to 10-20-14 (Appendix H)

Resolution 15-1-7 – Delegation Administrative Reports – 10-20-14 to 11-24-14 (Appendix I)

Resolution 15-1-8 – Faculty and Staff Adjustments (Appendix J)

Resolution 15-1-9 – Honorary Degrees/Commencement Speakers (Appendix K)

Resolution 15-1-10 – Report on Investments – August 2014 (Appendix L)

Resolution 15-1-11 – Report on Investments – September 2014 (Appendix M)

Resolution 15-1-12 – USURF – re-appointment to the Research Foundation Board – Roderick J. Linton (Appendix N)

Acceptance of Written Reports

- Advancement (Appendix O)
- Athletics (Appendix P)
- Business and Finance (Appendix Q)
- Classified Employees Association (Appendix R)
- Commercialization (Appendix S)
- Cooperative Extension, Utah Agricultural Experiment Station, and College of Agriculture (Appendix T)
- Executive Vice President and Provost (Appendix U)
- Faculty Senate (Appendix V)
- Professional Employees Association (Appendix W)
- Public Relations and Marketing (Appendix X)
- Research and Graduate Studies (Appendix Y)
- Student Services (Appendix Z)
- USU Eastern (Appendix AA)
- USU/SA (Appendix BB)

Chair Jibson asked if any items on the Consent Agenda needed to be moved to the Action Agenda for discussion.

Action: Trustee Johnson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items. Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

1. Proposal for the Department of Economics and Finance to add a minor in Real Estate

within the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business

Dr. Bowles, Department Head in Economics and Finance, introduced Dr. Ryan Whitby to present the proposal. There has been a lot of interest from students to add a minor in real estate. With the addition of two new courses students may now complete a five-course minor including studies in real estate valuation and real estate development.

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-13 the proposal for the Department of Economics and Finance to add a minor in Real Estate within the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business (Appendix CC). Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Proposal for the Department of Biology to add a new Human Biology Emphasis in the existing Bachelor of Science in Biology

Dr. Richard Mueller, Associate Dean, College of Science, presented the proposal. Changes to the MCAT prompted a look at a biology major with the intent to create a major tailored to premed students. The new emphasis retains the core of biology, chemistry, physics, math, with more flexibility in electives. Currently two-thirds of premed students are in majors other than biology.

Action: Trustee Johnson moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-14 the proposal for the Department of Biology to add a new Human Biology Emphasis in the existing Bachelor of Science in Biology. (Appendix DD) Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

3. Proposal for the Department of Geology to discontinue the current Bachelor of Science in Applied Environmental Geoscience and to create an emphasis in Applied Environmental Geoscience

Dr. Richard Mueller, Associate Dean, College of Science, presented the proposal. The geology major title did not reflect the professional credentials. Also the major is designed to be more applied and related to the environment, agricultural mining, water quality, hydraulics; courses taught outside the department and some outside the college have not always been offered in a timely manner due to low demand from students. As a result they want to move the separate major back to an emphasis. The core geology courses have been strengthened and the problematic electives if not available now have substitute courses.

Action: Trustee Watterson moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-15 the proposal for the Department of Geology to discontinue the current Bachelor of Science in Applied Environmental Geoscience and to create an emphasis in Applied Environmental Geoscience (Appendix EE). Trustee Pierce-Moore seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

4. Proposal for the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to discontinue the School Health emphasis and minor.

Dr. Dennis Dolny, Department Head, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation presented the proposal. With the onset of the common core in public schools it is difficult to supply full curriculum for physical education and health education. The new approach is to introduce health and physical education via healthy lifestyles teaching within other curricula. These topics are also being reemphasized in communities via graduates from our Health Education Promotion and Community Health majors. There are currently no students enrolled in the School Health minor and only 17 School Health emphasis students.

Action: Trustee Gillmor moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-16 the proposal for the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to discontinue the School Health emphasis and minor (Appendix FF). Trustee Johnson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Proposal for the Department Mechanical Aerospace Engineering to add a new Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering.

Dr. Robert Spall, Department Head, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, presented the proposal to add a new Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering. Currently the Department offers undergraduate, master's, and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering. A few years ago a master's in Aerospace Engineering was implemented. This Ph.D. fits in well with the Space Dynamics Lab and the School of Graduate Studies' emphasis on adding more Ph.D. programs. This can be implemented without additional funding. There are enough courses on the books right now with the current Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-17 the proposal for the Department of Mechanical Aerospace Engineering to add a new Doctor of Philosophy in Aerospace Engineering (Appendix GG). Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Proposal for the Department of Plants, Soils, and Climate for a restructuring and name change of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Soil/Water Science to be Land, Plant and Climate Systems.

Dean Ken White, Vice President and Dean, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences explained that this proposal restructures an existing major which meets changing needs of students and capitalizes on the strengths of faculty in the department. This change has created three emphases within this degree program two of which are Applied Climatology and Sustainability. Students will get access to needed classes in climate science which is very important for positions where a student may, for example, need shade-tree knowledge with climate

science.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-18 the proposal for the Department of Plants, Soils, and Climate for a restructuring and name change of the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Soil/Water Science to be Land, Plant and Climate Systems (Appendix HH). Trustee Gillmor seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

7. Real Property Acquisition by Donation – Caine Home.

Vice President Cowley explained that this acquisition has already happened by donation for the benefit of the Caine College of the Arts. The Regents' policy allows disposals/acquisitions up to \$500,000 without preapproval. President Albrecht noted that USU has been maintaining the property for years so there will be no new costs associated with this donation.

Action: Trustee Scott Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-19 the Real Property Acquisition by Donation of the Caine Home (Appendix II). Trustee Holland seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

8. Review and Approval of the External Audit Reports.

Vice President Cowley presented the following audit reports which have been completed and reviewed by the audit committee.

1. Utah State University Management Letter and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2014
2. Utah State University Research Foundation Management Letter and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2014
3. Utah Public Radio Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2014 with Independent Auditor's Reports
4. Edith Bowen Laboratory School Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 June 2014 with Independent Auditor's Reports

Trustee Nixon recommended the full Board accept these reports.

Action: Trustee Nixon moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-20 the proposal for the Review and Approval of the External Audit Reports (Appendix JJ). Trustee Burnett seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

9. Proposal for the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference Organization.

Dr. Brian Evans, Senior Associate Athletics Director, explained that all of our athletic teams except gymnastics moved to the Mountain West Conference. The Mountain West Conference requires that at least 50 percent of participating

institutions have a gymnastics program. Currently; only four institutions have gymnastics programs; therefore, they are basically left without a home. Last year USU, Brigham Young University, Boise State University, the University of Denver, and Southern Utah University applied the NCAA to establish a conference for gymnastics. The NCAA formally accepted the application last September as the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference. They are asking the Trustees' approval for nonprofit status. This year USU went to regionals for the first time in the last five years. There is an important Title IX benefit. Brian was selected to be the commissioner.

Action: Trustee Burnett moved the approval of Resolution 15-1-21 the proposal for the Mountain Rim Gymnastics Conference Organization. (Appendix KK) Trustee Watterson seconded the motion. The voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

V. STRATEGIC AGENDA

Tim Vitale, Executive Director Public Relations and Marketing (PRM), and Mac McKee, Director Utah Water Research Lab (UWRL) presented the "Year of Water" as the University's theme for 2015. The Utah Water Research Laboratory celebrates its 50th anniversary this coming year. Locally, regionally, nationally, and globally the University is truly a leader in water research. USU's areas of expertise include: water ecosystems, water management, water and climate, water and society, and water education. The campaign will include on and off-campus events and advertising.

Action: Trustee Pierce-Moore made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Nixon seconded the motion; the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

The meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Ronald W. Jibson, Chair

Sydney M. Peterson, Secretary
(Minutes taken by Carolyn Brittain)

Date Approved